

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 17, 2017 – 24th Ordinary Sunday – Parish Picnic

- 12 Noon - Holy Mass (at the cemetery)

+ Denise Flores – requested by Cliff, Julie & Jodie Brown

Monday, September 18, 2017 – Weekday

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – Weekday

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – Weekday

Friday, September 22, 2017 – Weekday

Saturday, September 23, 2017 – Weekday

Sunday, September 24, 2017 – 25th Ordinary Sunday

- 9:30 AM - Holy Mass

+ For departed Members PNU Spójnia – requested by PNU Spójnia

FAITH SHARING

We commit sins every day and, therefore, need God's forgiveness every day. In the parable, the first servant (a top official of the king), owed his master 10,000 talents, an incredible debt. 10,000 is the highest number used in reckoning, and the talent is the largest currency unit in the whole of the Near East. The modern equivalent would be about ten million dollars! Surely Christ is exaggerating here because, according to Roman tax records of the time, all Israel's taxes for one year amounted to about \$800,000. We are told that this was an amount equivalent to 15 years of wages to a laborer in that day. The first servant would have taken 15 years to pay off the debt while the other only, three months of work. What Jesus means is that this man was hopelessly indebted. The accumulated sum of all our sins makes us greater debtors before God than the first debtor in the story. But God is ready to forgive us unconditionally. The sum total of all the offenses which our brothers and sisters commit against us is equivalent to the small debt of the second debtor in the parable, namely 100 *denarii*, one *denarius* being "the normal daily wage for a laborer. 100 *denarii* could have been carried in a pocket, and it was one five-hundred thousandth of the debt which the first servant owed. Our own merciless behavior towards our fellow human beings is both shocking and sad; it resembles that of the forgiven first servant who turned toward his fellow servant in the same household and refused to forgive a much smaller debt. The moral of Jesus' story is that members of the community must treat one another as God has treated each of us. Here is a Divine call to throw away the calculator when it comes to forgiveness. We must choose the more honorable path and forgive one another "from the heart." Otherwise, we cannot hope to expect any mercy. Having experienced forgiveness at the hands of God and God's people, we are then called to make it possible for others to experience it.



PARISH PICNIC

Today we have St. Valentine's annual parish picnic.

As usually we'll begin with Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at the cemetery. Then at 1:00 PM we start the picnic at our Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020.

Thank you all our Parishioners who were involved in making delicious Polish food for our annual picnic.

PLEASE REMEMBER!

NO MASS TODAY in our church at 9:30 AM.

We celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon

right before our annual parish picnic

at the Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020

Polish American Congress

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PULASKI PARADE

Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend the 84th Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On **Sunday, October 1, 2017, the 84th Annual Pulaski Day Parade** steps off at **12 Noon** from the Parkway in center city Philadelphia and will be televised on **WPVI TV-6 ABC**. The parade marches down the Parkway to 16th Street, turns and marshes up the Parkway to the reviewing stands at Logan Circle at 19th Street. **Live television coverage on WPVI TV 6 ABC begins at 12:30 PM**. For more information call the Museum during business hours at: **(215) 922-1700**.

This year the Pulaski Day Parade will highlight "The Year of Kosciuszko", an International Celebration Marking the Life and Accomplishments of a Hero of Both Poland and America. The parade will also celebrate the history, culture and pride cherished by the Polish American community. During the **2017 Pulaski Day Parade, we will also mark the 409th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America.** A complete schedule of events will be listed in the next edition of the Polish American News, announced during the daily Polish American Radio Program and listed on PulaskiDayParade.com.

Kindly invite your family and friends to mark their calendars and plan to participate in the **2017 Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 1, 2017**. For more information email Info@PulaskiDayParade.com.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4th is a Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. St. Francis of Assisi is a patron saint of the animals. We love animals too. We love our pets. In our church there will be a Blessing of the Animals on October 4th at 7:00PM. Please bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to our church.



PNU SPÓJNIA MONTH

The Polish National Union of America (PNU) traditionally promotes the month of September as "Spójnia Month". The highlight of this promotion is the observation of one special day designated by the Polish National Catholic Church as "Spójnia Sunday". As designated within the PNCC Constitution, Spójnia Sunday is celebrated on the fourth Sunday within the month of September. This year, that date is **September 24, 2017**.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



If you wish to order a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our parish please call parish office (215-535-4978) or mail your request to:

2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137,
or email it to stvalentinespncc@gmail.com

Holy Mass is not only reserved for repose of the soul but it can be offered for any person and any intention, for example your wedding anniversary, birthday, special blessing for your children or grandchildren, special blessing for your family etc.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date Requested _____ Time _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____ Amount \$ _____

Please mail this form and Mass stipend to: St. Valentine's PNCC, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137 or call parish office at (215) 535-4978.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 Niedziela Zwyczajła

September 17, 2017